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### Waste Disposal Budget 2019/20

After a few months of new municipal solid waste (MSW) and recycling contracts, we've got a better feel for how to set up a budget for solid waste. As you are aware, the town entered a new agreement with PERC for disposing of MSW for the next 15 years. In hindsight, this has been at least a short term benefit to the town as the alternative was to join many of our neighboring communities by remaining in the Municipal Review Committee (MRC) agreement for the Fiberight plant construction to be finished. We're continuing to ship our MSW to PERC in Orrington, and the price actually dropped a few dollars a ton (currently \$75). The MRC communities have had to ship their MSW to landfills until at least next spring when the plant is projected to open.

**Labor** – No change is proposed to this line. The current facility manager is happy with his compensation level, though an increase was budgeted for the current fiscal year.

**PERC** – This line is reduced by \$5,500. Interestingly, we are showing a reduction in MSW being shipped this year. Some of that has to do with recycling, some has to do with a general solid waste reduction from users and/or commercial haulers. Whatever the case, the \$48,000 budget is based on 600 tons at \$80. Both of those are a conservative estimate that hopefully will be a little high, just in case.

**Transportation** – A 2% increase is forecast from the current fiscal year, a modest increase. We're pretty close on this, as no extra trips to PERC with MSW are planned.

**Maintenance** – No change is proposed for this line, \$1,500.00.

**Electricity** – No change in the electric bill is proposed. The previous fiscal year saw about \$400. The \$450 in the current year anticipates a line increase from Emera.

**Telephone** – We supply a cell phone to the operator which he occasionally uses to call the town office or for emergencies. Depending on what is going on, we can generally get by of \$23/month based on actual usage

**Other** – No change is proposed from the \$200/year budget. We don't use this very often.

**Hazardous waste** – Lamoine participates in the Acadia Disposal District HHW collection day in the fall of the year at MDI high. We have sometimes paid more; sometime less. The \$800 proposed is the same as the current fiscal year.

**Demolition Debris** – No change is proposed from the \$150 line. We have used this account when somebody dumps a piece of bulky waste along the road and I end up carting this to Ellsworth. It happens more than you might think, sadly.

**DEP Permits** – We have a permit and an annual inspection by the State of Maine (which we do). The \$500 represents the same as the current fiscal year.

**Septic Sludge** – By state law, we are required to have a contract to guarantee capacity for any septic tank. We have an agreement in place with Haslam septic for \$800. They just this year contracted with the Ellsworth Wastewater Treatment Plant for capacity.

**Recycling** – Here's where it gets a little sticky (I like to think of it as exciting). The current recycling setup is with EcoMaine and DM&J Waste of Winterport. DM&J hauls our recycling to Winterport and mixes it with their other clients and ships large loads to EcoMaine. The dumpsters supplied are 20 yards of capacity and generally handle just under a week's worth of recycling, depending on the time of year. Each time it's hauled, we get charged \$275 plus a per ton fee for recycling. We've been averaging about \$2,200/month. That's where the \$26,400 figure comes from.

We have been contemplating purchase of a compactor to significantly cut the transportation cost (possibly from 4x/month to once a month). This, if we decide to ask town meeting, will be in the capital improvement budget.

**Dump Closing Monitoring** – The upcoming fiscal year will be the "test the landfill wells" year. We did that in FY 17/18, and between that and the residential wells, the total cost was about \$5,300. A \$200 increase is proposed.

**Total Solid Waste Budget** – The total budget is up \$6,025, or just under 5%.

Respectfully submitted,

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